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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Hopewell Baptist Church, Mt. Willing, Lowndes County, Ala.,

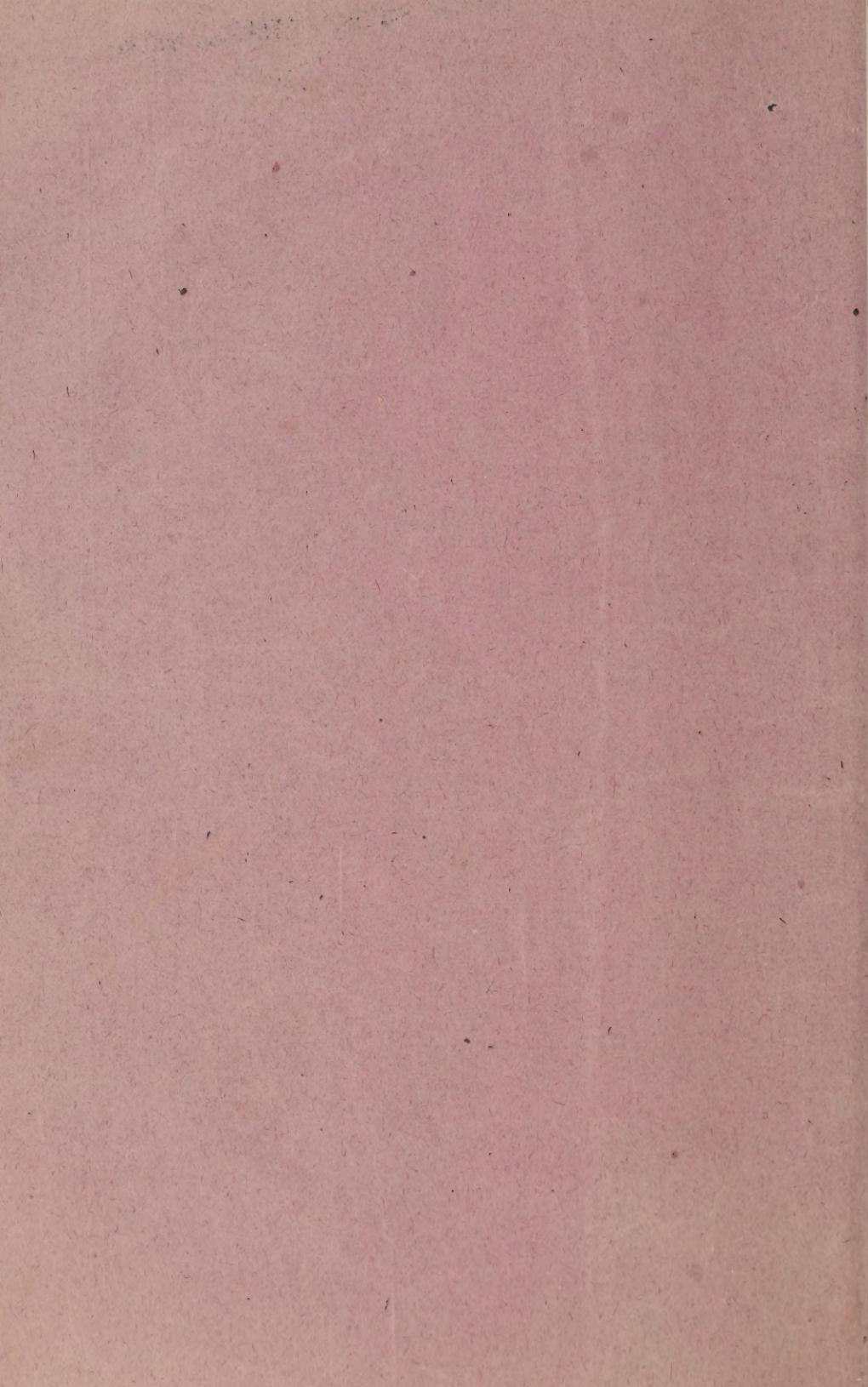
OCTOBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1886.

OFFICERS:

F. C. PLASTER, MODERATOR.....	Fort Deposit, Ala.
J. C. FONVILLE, CLERK.....	Mt. Carmel, Ala.
C. C. LLOYD, TREASURER.....	Greenville, Ala.

The next session will be held with Steep Creek Church, Lowndes county,
on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1887.

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— MINUTES. —

OCTOBER 8, 1886.

Pursuant to adjournment, the delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Association met with Hopewell church at Mt. Willing, Lowndes county.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the clerk.

Bro. H. W. Caffey was called to the chair temporarily.

The letters from the churches were read and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—C. C. Lloyd, W. P. Bush, J. T. Gafford.

Damascus—G. W. Webb, W. C. Avant, J. F. Barrett.

New Ebenezer—C. C. Mothershead, J. D. Massey, B. W. Addison.

Spring Creek—J. A. Stringer, J. B. Taylor, A. J. McDaniel.

Steep Creek—G. W. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock.

Mountain Hill—Harvey Jones, J. M. Stevens.

Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, W. P. McQueen, D. S. Hurst.

Chapel Hill—S. F. Kelley, J. H. Lee, R. N. Dobbs.

Hayneville—A. Z. Varner, A. W. Caffey, H. P. Robertson.

New Bethel—T. S. Hagood, C. Rhodes, J. R. Strickland.

Good Hope—John Peagler, J. H. Haigler, J. T. Haigler.

New Smyrna—J. T. Day, R. T. Porterfield, F. M. Peagler.

Hopewell—J. H. Cheatham, E. Whittle, G. W. Coker.

Bethel—M. Bishop, A. F. Goldsmith, F. C. Plaster, R. M. Burt, T. W. Hart, A. F. Childers, J. E. Bishop.

Lowndesboro—R. Meadows.

Macedonia—F. E. May, W. E. Gresham, J. F. Sims.

Indian Creek—W. H. Cheatham.

Union—J. G. Thomas, J. W. Holloway, T. E. Morgan.

Rutledge—J. E. Parkman, J. Helms.

Permanent organization—F. C. Plaster, Moderator; J. C. Fonville, Clerk; C. C. Floyd, Treasurer.

Recess for dinner.

Reassembled, and Bro. R. M. Burt preached introductory sermon.

Bro. E. F. Baber was recognized as correspondent from

Selma Association, and Bro. W. J. Elliott from Shelby Association.

Voted, that hereafter any brother from this, present at any other Association, is authorized to act as correspondent from this Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Deacons of Hopewell church; H. W. Caffey, J. A. Stringer.

On Documents—S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. McQueen, J. W. Thomas.

On State of Religion—W. C. Avant, C. C. Lloyd, J. M. Stevens, A. F. Goldsmith, W. P. Bullock.

On Finance—H. W. Caffey, R. Meadows, D. S. Hurst.

Auditing Committee—G. W. Coker, J. H. Lee.

On Sabbath Schools (to report next year)—R. M. Burt, W. H. Cheatham.

On Missions (to report next year)—T. W. Hart, A. F. Childers, C. C. Lloyd.

Bro. Baber to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SATURDAY, October 9, 1886.

After devotional exercises by Bro. Baber the Association was called to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. R. M. Burt read the report on Sabbath Schools, which, after remarks by Brethren Hart, Baber, Elliott, Burt, McQueen, Avant, Stringer, Goldsmith and Cheatham, was adopted.

Bro. J. J. D. Renfroe represented interests of Alabama Baptist and Foreign Mission Board.

Bro. Plaster read report on Missions, which, after discussion by Brethren Hart, Goldsmith, McQueen and Renfroe, was adopted.

Recess for dinner.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Reassembled.

The Church at Rutledge applied for admission and was received.

Delegates from Rutledge—J. E. Parkman, J. Helms.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Bro. Renfroe preach to-morrow at 11 a. m.; Bro. Baber preach to-morrow at 3 p. m.; Bro. Elliott preach to-morrow at 7:30 p. m.

Bro. Lloyd read report on State of Religion, which was adopted.

Bro. Renfroe earnestly presented the claims of the *Alabama Baptist*.

Bro. McQueen read report of executive board of the Association, which was adopted.

R. M. Burt, W. P. McQueen and J. W. Holloway were appointed to nominate an executive board.

Suspended business and collected \$15.10 for purposes of executive board of association.

A communication from Children's Missionary Society of Bethel Church was received and read.

Brethren Hart and Goldsmith presented the claims of Bethel Academy at Fort Deposit.

Executive Board for ensuing year: G. W. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock, A. F. Childers, J. W. Holloway, David Roach, D. D. Jones, J. A. Stringer, J. C. Fonville, G. W. Coker.

Adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Reassembled. Bro. W. P. McQueen read report on Documents. Report adopted.

Bro. H. W. Caffey read report on Finance. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read Treasurer's report. Adopted.

Association to meet next year with Steep Creek Church, Lowndes county.

Upon motion of Bro. Goldsmith, a collection amounting to \$7.90 was made for the benefit of Rutledge Church.

At next Association, Bro. F. C. Plaster to preach Intro-

ductory Sermon, and Bro. F. W. Hart to preach Missionary Sermon.

The following pledges were made for the purposes of the executive board of the association :

Antioch.....	\$1 00 pd.
Damascus	15 00
Spring Creek.....	15 00
Steep Creek.....	80 00
Hickory Grove	25 00
D. S. Hurst.....	10 00
Hayneville	20 00
New Bethel.....	10 00
Bethel	
J. L. Hinson	20 00
A. F. Goldsmith	5 00
J. W. Holloway.....	10 00
J. F. Sims.....	10 00
F. E. May.....	5 00
J. G. Thomas.....	1 00 pd.
R. W. Burt.....	5 00
Sister S. Dickson.....	5 00
M. H. Shanks.....	1 00
J. D. Dickson.....	5 00

Pastors of churches are requested to urge upon the churches to contribute more liberally to our missionary work.

Appropriated \$10 to pay Clerk of Association.

Adopted Letter Blank from American Baptist Publication Society.

Cash collection to-morrow to be turned over to executive board.

Adopted resolution concerning Bro. David Lee.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered the brethren and sisters of Hopewell Church, and citizens of the community, for their fraternal and cordial hospitality.

Sabbath services: 11 a. m., preaching by Bro. Renfroe, after which a cash collection of \$16.75.

At 3 p. m. Bro. Baber preached, and at 7 p. m. Bro. Elliott preached.

After singing a hymn, giving the parting hand, and prayer by Bro. Avant, the Association adjourned.

F. C. PLASTER, Moderator.

J. C. FONVILLE, Clerk.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee have had under consideration the documents submitted' and beg leave to report that—

The church at Hayneville asks our aid in building a house of worship; the church reports progress.

The church at Lowndesboro has been resuscitated and asks help to procure and keep up preaching there. They have no house of worship and inquire if we can help them to build.

The church at Hickory Grove recommends the continuation of Bro. Plaster as evangelist. We find that Bro. C. C. Lloyd of Antioch church has been licensed to preach; that Bro. G. W. Webb of Damascus church has been ordained to preach, and that Bro. R. M. Burt of Bethel church has been ordained to preach.

We find that through the labors of our evangelist Good Hope church is represented here, the first time in several years, and asks for any assistance we can give.

Steep Creek and Damascus ask for the Association next year.

Union church reports the ordination of Bro. J. G. Thomas to the office of deacon.

Macedonia asks assistance in procuring regular preaching.

Ebenezer reports the ordination of two deacons.

Rutledge church asks aid to remove debt on their house of worship.

Fraternally submitted,

S. A. SATTERWHITE, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report that of the fourteen churches represented here but three Sabbath Schools are reported. These three schools are reported as live working schools.

The other churches are silent on this important subject.

We recommend that the Association agitate the Sunday School interest and inspire, if possible, in the hearts of the delegates greater zeal in this important department of Church work.

R. M. BURT, Chairman.

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your committee beg leave to report that eighteen (18) churches have sent letters to the Association. Of these, ten churches report an increase of members, and a state of prosperity; of the eight others, some report a good condition, and none report much decline.

We believe, therefore, that we have reason to thank God and take courage as an association. We notice there has been an unusual number of deaths, and are reminded that our Father is calling his children home, and therefore we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, "them also which have fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Fourteen deaths are reported.

Number baptized, ninety-six (96.)

We regret the meagre amounts sent up by the churches for missionary purposes and desire to call the attention of the brethren to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

Fraternally submitted,

C. C. LLOYD,
For Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that during the past year the Mission Work has been sustained by the churches of our denomination throughout the whole world, and that every known nationality has heard the gospel of Christ from the lips of your own ministers. The churches have been able to do this by co-operation through the agency of the various Boards.

The ministers of the foreign field composed the heathen, and others have been reached and aided by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va. Ministers in China, Africa, Italy and Brazil have been greatly blessed and prospered of God. The Board of Home Missions at Atlanta, Ga., have found new fields of enterprise besides maintaining the ground heretofore won, is thus lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, and is marching forward under the banner of the captain of our salvation to new victory and a glorious future. The baptisms have been 3,812.

Our State Mission Board is laboring earnestly, by the direction of the churches of the State to preach the gospel of the Son of God to every creature in the State, and if they shall continue to receive the divine approbation in the future as in the past, the blessed gospel of Christ will be in reach of all. The Board has had sixty-five men employed a part and all of their time. During the last year over 600 have been received by experience and baptism, through the labor of these faithful men. The women of Christ, like their sisters of old, have rendered constant and efficient aid to the cause of Christ. Besides these, the State paper, the *Alabama Baptist*, has been of substantial aid, and under the present management, promises increased usefulness.

Our own Associational Board has been intrusted with your evangelical work and we refer to their report for results. Dear brethren of the Association, it seemsto your Committee, after a careful investigation of all the facts coming to their knowledge, that God, by His Providence and His Spirit, is leading our denomination in their efforts to preach the gospel to every creature and that we have only been following where he has lead, and that we ought to be willing to be led in the way of His commandment—"To Preach the Gospel to Every Creature;" so that he that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. PLASTER, Ch'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

F. C. Plaster.....	Fort Deposit, Lowndes County
M. Bishop.....	" " "
A. F. Goldsmith.....	" " "
R. M. Burt.....	" " "
T. W. Hart.....	" " "
G. W. McQueen.....	Hayneville, " "
D. Lee.....	Mt. Willing, " "
W. C. Avant.....	Rutledge, Crenshaw "
T. E. Morgan.....	Honoroville, " "
J. T. Davidson.....	" " "
G. W. Webb.....	Saluka, Butler "
W. H. Dean.....	Fort Deposit, Lowndes "
W. H. Cheatham.....	Greenville, Butler "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

M. Pruitt.....	Fort Deposit, Lowndes County
C. C. Lloyd.....	Greenville, Butler "

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BRO. DAVID LEE.

After a service of nine years as Clerk of this Association and forty years as its Moderator, our venerable brother, Elder David Lee, is, by the infirmities of age, prevented from occupying the seat which he has filled by the choice of his brethren for so many years. This fact has made upon our minds and hearts a deep and solemn impression, and we feel that it is both a privilege and a duty that we attempt an expression of our feelings in connection with this sad and notable event in our history; therefore,

Resolved, First—That in the inability of Brother Lee to occupy his accustomed place with us, we recognize the effect of the many years that the Lord has given him on the earth; and, while we miss him from our deliberations, we feel thankful that he has been spared to us so long a time.

Second—That it is fit that we should make record of the fact that our reverend brother has always been faithful in his convictions of right in all his intercourse with us; that he has done what he could to help us do the work of the Lord aright, and to encourage among his brethren the increase of brotherly love and of fidelity to God. And now, in his retirement from active service with us, we offer a sincere prayer for a peaceful ending of his long life on earth and ask him to accept this sincere token of the loving regard of his brethren who have known him and loved him so long.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. LLOYD, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Baptist Association
from Oct. 8, 1885, to Oct. 8, 1886:

1886.

DR.—CASH.

Oct. 8.	To amount for minutes	\$ 24 90
	To amount for Home Missions.....	3 00
	To amount for Foreign Missions.....	15 00
	To amount for State Missions.....	5 00
	To amount for Associanal Missions.....	100 45
	To amount for Associational Missions from Dis- trict meeting.....	8 35—\$156 70

VOUCHERS.

To amount for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 29 00
To amount for State Missions.....	5 00
To amount for Associational Missions.....	52 00
To amount for Ministerial Education.....	61 00—\$147 00

Total cash and vouchers..... \$303 70

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By amount voucher 1, (H. W. Caffey).....	\$ 17 00
By amount voucher 2, (H. W. Caffey).....	17 00
By amount voucher 3, (H. W. Caffey).....	35 00
By amount voucher 4, (H. W. Caffey).....	20 00
By amount voucher 5, (receipt A. F. Childers)..	52 00
By amount voucher 6, (receipt Jno. A. Stringer)	25 00
By amount voucher 7, (receipt J. C. Fonville, clerk).....	24 90
By amount voucher 8, (receipt Matt. Bishop)....	25 13
By amount voucher 9, (receipt A. F. Goldsmith)	25 13
By amount voucher 10, (receipt R. M. Burt) ...	25 13
By amount voucher 11, (receipt C. A. Gunn) ...	2 50
By amount voucher 12, (receipt J. R. Strickland)	6 00
By amount voucher 13, (receipt F. C. Plaster)..	6 90
By amount voucher 14, (receipt W. B. Crumpton)	20 00—\$303 69

REPORORT OF EX-BOARD OF ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

Your Ex-Board beg leave to report that being instructed by the Association that met last year, to employ an evangelist to labor within the bounds of the Association. We held our first meeting October 15th, 1886, at which meeting we decided that there were churches enough in our territory and therefore the labors of the evangelist employed should be with the churches to strengthen and build them up. We also agreed that he should receive \$500.00 for his labors, and \$200.00 more, if collected. Brother Plaster, one of your Board, was chosen evangelist, and was to answer at next meeting. We met again October 15th, 1885. Brother Plaster accepted the appointment and resigned as a member of the Board, and Brother J. A. Stringer was appointed in his place. Brother Plaster was to begin his labors at once, the Board agreeing that he should serve Bethel Church one Sabbath a month till January, 1886.

We met again January 19th, 1886. Brother Plaster was instructed to make one regular appointment at Lowndesboro on the first Sabbath in each month because of the destitution there, the Baptists there pledging material aid.

He was to have no more regular appointments, but to labor where he thought best, among the churches. We made an effort to obtain from the State Board the "David Lee" Colportage Fund and succeeded in part.

We have held three other meetings during the year; one in May, one in August and one to-day, principally to hear reports from evangelists which have been satisfactory to us, and we hope will be to you.

Brother Bruner never having attended our meetings, Brother J. L. Hinson was chosen in his place.

Herewith we give a synopsis of the work of your evangelist

Days of Labor.....	257
Miles traveled.....	1,500
Visits.....	413
Sermons.....	239
Amounts collected.....	\$372 00
Amounts sent by churches for evangelist.	109 60

The evangelist cannot report definitely the number of accessions in connection with his labors, the number being reported in the letters from the churches.

Because of our success we recommend the continuation of the work.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. MCQUEEN, Ch'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. LLOYD, Treasurer for 1886, in account with Alabama Baptist Association :

DR.—CASH.

Oct. 1886.	To amount for minutes.....	\$ 31 50
	To amount for Home Missions } 2 75	
	To amount for Foreign Missions } W. B. C. { 6 15	
	To amount for State Missions } 6 85	
	To amount for Associational Missions..... 130 65—\$177 90	
	Handed me by J. C. Fonville, \$2.00	

VOUCHERS.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 21 00
State Missions.....	31 65
Howard College.....	30 50
Paid to F. C. Plaster.....	42 00—\$125 15

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home.)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Corpor- tage.	Ministerial Education.	High School.	Howard Col- lege.	Southern Bap- tist Theologi- cal Seminary.	Minutes.	Cash.	Associational Pur- poses.	Sunday School.	Women's Society.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Vol.	Associational Purposes.	Cuban Missions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.			
Antioch												1 25	1 00										2 25					
Damascus												2 00	9 75										19 75	75 00				
Union												1 75	6 00										8 75					
New Ebernezer												1 00	5 00										*11 00	25 00				
Spring Creek.												2 00	19 75										21 75					
Macedonia													5 00											5 00				
Mountain Hill.													75											75				
Hickory Grove													2 00	20 00									66 00					
Steep Creek.	1 75		2 75	4 50									3 25	22 10									34 35					
Bethel.													5 00	15 00									85 00	105 00				
Hayneville			20 00	16 00									1 00										29 50	15 00	111 50	75 00		
Hodewell		1 00	2 40	2 50									2 00	10 00									37 00		49 00			
New Bethel.													75	1 00									4 50		12 65			
Good Hope.													2 00											2 00				
New Smyrna.													1 00	1 00										2 00				
Lowndesboro.													1 00											7 00	75 00			
Chapel Hill.													1 25											1 25				
Indian Creek.													2 00											2 00				
Cash collected.													1 50											1 50				
Collections at Asso'n.	50		1 00											15 65										15 55				
Total	\$ 3 25		\$27 15	\$29 50									\$30 50	\$31 50	145 90									213 00	\$15 00	\$479 15		

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